



Sunday Open House Programs

The Readington Museums will host historical and educational programs on the first Sunday of the month from February through May and again from September through December. The following programs run continuously between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., and are held at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, GPS address: 114 Dreahook Road Lebanon NJ 08833. Although there is no fee, donations are gladly welcome.

February 5 Weaving Demonstration



Domestic historians, **Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong**, will demonstrate various weaving techniques on assorted 18th c. looms. In the colonial period, household items such as towels, bed linens and blankets, working aprons, sacks, etc., were commonly manufactured at home, while finer fabrics for clothing, draperies and upholstery were imported from overseas via Britain. During the war for independence and for some time afterwards, it was considered one's patriotic duty to use only homespun fabrics for everything, including the newest fashionable clothing. Altrath and Soong concentrate on early weaving techniques, beginning with the medieval and

renaissance periods as well as the more "modern" 17th and 18th c.

They also showcase their skills by demonstrating hearth cooking, dyeing, period sewing, embroidery and gardening at the Shippen Manor in Oxford, and the Miller-Cory house in Westfield, NJ.

March 5 Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration



Connie Unangst returns to the Readington Museums and will cook root vegetables and preserved foods using the home's original open hearth. Throughout the program, Unangst will share techniques, demonstrate proper fire maintenance, and discuss receipt (recipe) translations. Unangst, who has been involved in the Domestic Arts of the Colonial Era, has provided educational, instructive and entertaining programs to the public. She has presented at locations such as: Pottsgrove Manor, the John Joseph Henry Home, Historic Jacobsburg, the Indenhoffen Farmstead, the Mercer Museum, New Hope Historical Society, and Washington Crossing Historic Park.



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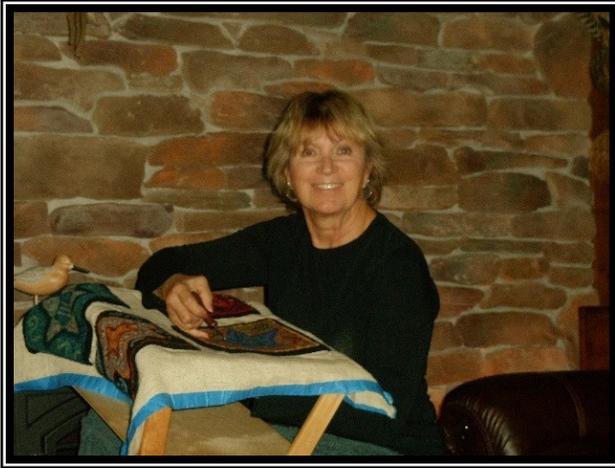
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April 2 Rug Hooking



Lucy Walsh will demonstrate the basic technique of pulling wool strips through a Monk's cloth backing, draped over a frame. Walsh will have sample rugs and hooking materials on display. Guests will be invited to try their hand at hooking, as well as learn the history and the inspirations for designing rugs.

Walsh is a fiber artist living in Clinton, New Jersey, and has been creating hand-crafted hooked rugs in the traditional style since 1990. She says, "My rugs are all original designs, and are born from a spark somewhere in my head or heart. A central theme and vision establish a design concept, recalling a time, place, person or emotion unique to that experience. The goal is to capture a subject that has a special meaning to me, and which is aesthetically pleasing to others. Before long a story emerges in wool."



Recent collections include 'story rugs' which tell tales of real-life or imaginary events. The recently completed, "*Orphan Train*", was displayed at the reunion of Orphan Train descendants in Little Falls, MN. Lucy's rugs have been featured on websites, fairs and rug hooking publications. "*Spirit Bear*" was selected to be included in the 2012 Rug Hooking Magazine's *Celebrations*® book recognizing nationally known fiber artists.

May 7 Eighteenth Century Ice Cream



Susan McLellan Plaisted MS RD CSP LDN, presents ice cream making from harvesting ice to moulding (molding) of ice cream. For this demonstration, ice cream will be made in a reproduction 18th century sabotiere. Documented flavors of the 18th century will be reproduced using original receipts (recipes).

Plaisted is the Proprietress of Heart to Hearth Cookery, a food history business based in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She offers demonstrations of 17th century through 19th century Colonial American and European cooking methods, practices, and receipts (recipes), as well as pre-European-contact and post-European-contact Native American foodways.

Plaisted is a founding member, past president, and past newsletter editor of the Historic Foodways Society of the Delaware Valley, a member of Culinary Historians of New York, The Colonial Chocolate Society, and was active in Past Masters in Early American Domestic Arts. In addition, she is a member of the Food History Committee of both ALHFAM (Association of Living History Farms and Museums) and IACP (International Association of Culinary Professionals).

Sint-Nicolaas Day Event Drew Many Spirited Visitors

As a way to honor the Dutch heritage of the 1741 Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, the Readington Museums hosted Dutch Sint-Nicolaas Day on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Sinterklass read a story to the children, and posed with many families for pictures. Colonial musicians, Ridley and Anne Enslow, performed historic holiday pieces that showcased an eighteenth century violin and hammered dulcimer. They also sang and entertained children with a dancing limberjack toy. In addition, domestic historians, Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong demonstrated authentic 18th century Dutch cooking using the Farmstead's original open hearth. They made waffles over the open flame and pressed gingerbread cookies in traditional molds. Visitors sipped cider, enjoyed homemade Dutch cookies and made a pomander ornament to take home. Also, children decorated a Sint-Nicolaas craft.



Ridley and Anne Enslow entertain children with a George Washington limberjack.



Sarah, Matthew and Katherine John visit with Sinterklass.



Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong cook Dutch treats over the open hearth.

Calendar 2017

Sunday, February 5

Weaving Demo

Bev Altrath and Arlene Soong

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

Open Hearth Cooking

Connie Unangst

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2

Rug Hooking Demo

Lucy Walsh

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

18th Century Ice Cream

Susan McLellan Plaisted

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday May 13

Barn Dance

Betsy Gotta

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Friday, June 30

Settlers of Hunterdon

Mike Alfano

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 21

Art in Food and Food in Art

Peter G. Rose

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 18

The History of Diners in NJ

Michael Gabriele

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September, 10

Pickling Demo

Susan McLellan Plaisted

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 8

19th c. Schoolhouse Visit

Cold Brook School*

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14

Barn Dance

Betsy Gotta

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 5

Smokehouse Demonstration

Susan McLellan Plaisted

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3

Dutch Christmas

Open Hearth Cooking,
Colonial Musicians, and
Sinterklaas

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held at the

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead, GPS address:

114 Dreahook Road, Lebanon NJ 08833

Donations for all programs are gladly accepted.

Prior registration required for groups of six or more.

*Cold Brook School, GPS address: 190 Potterstown Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833

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